

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: ACCESS RIGHT MANAGING SYSTEM, PORTABLE TERMINAL,
GATEWAY AND CONTENTS SERVER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 8, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 13, line 1, delete "or 12".

Please add the following new claims:

- -18. An access right managing system as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the gateway comprises:

continuation notice transmitting means for transmitting a predetermined access right continuation notice to the portable terminal when the access validity determining means determines that the use request is not within the effective period; and

continuation process means for performing a predetermined access right continuation process based on instruction information received from the portable terminal corresponding to the access right continuation notice transmitted by the continuation notice transmitting means, and

wherein the portable terminal comprises;

instruction information accepting means for receiving the access right continuation notice and for accepting the instruction information on whether to continue to hold the access right based on the same notice; and

instruction information transmitting means for transmitting the instruction information accepted by the instruction information accepting means to the gateway.

19. An access right managing system as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the contents data transfer means transfers the contents data received by the acquisition-requested contents data receiving means to the portable terminal after converting into a predetermined data format corresponding to the display mode of the display means of the portable terminal.

20. An access right managing system as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the access history information includes the date of the latest access and a predetermined effective period and wherein an access within the effective period that starts from the date of the latest access is regarded valid.

21. An access managing system as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the portable terminal is a portable telephone.

22. A gateway as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the contents data transfer means transfers the contents data received by the acquisition-requested contents data transmitting means to the portable terminal after converting into a predetermined data format corresponding to the mode of display of contents data at the transmitter of the acquisition request.- -

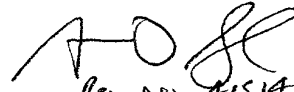
REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the foregoing amendments to Claims 4-6, 8 and 13 and therefor new claims 18-22, be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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